

A
PROCLAMATION
set out by the K. of Spaine.

Wherein order is taken for the vse and trafficke of merchandise, with those of Holland Zealand and others, aswell by water as by land.

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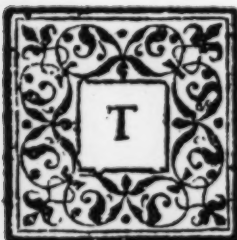
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Our Skout of Andwerp and Markegrauue our of land of Keyn oꝝ his deputy, greeting. Whereas foꝝ to pleasure our good subiects, and to kepe them in the trade and dealing of merchandising, Wee are content to permit the aforesaid dealing with those of Holland and Zeeland, & other countries at this present being possessed by our enemies and rebels, foꝝ so much as concerneth the permitted wares and merchandises, which by this our present ordinance are not prohibited: in paying certeine duties of licence, according to the roule thereupon made oꝝ yet to be made.

Wherefoꝝe so it is, That we desiring herein to set downe a generall rule and order. And hauing therupon had the aduice of our welbeloued and trusty the persons of our counsell of Estates. Haue with the deliberation of our welbeloued & dære Nephue the Duke of Parma and of Plaisance, knight of our order, Liefe-tenaunt gouernour, and Captaine Generall of our countries on this side, Consented and doe consent by these presentes, (vntill other wise therin) shalbe ordained, That al and singular (aswel our subiects as others) being good and loyall merchants, trading and dealing in the aforesaid countries on this side, may bzing into the same out of the aforesaid country of Holland Zeeland and other like, and carry thetherward, all sortes of wares and merchandises, permitted and not permitted, first paying besides the old and ordinary customes, the duties of Licences according to the tenoꝝ of the roule, thereof made oꝝ yet to be made, And that throughtout all hauens, Ruses, and riuers on this side, where on our behalfe certaine officers shalbe committed to receiue and collect the said duties, and that in such manner and order, as on our behalfe in euery place and hauen shall be set downs and established, Provided allwayes that it shall not be lawfull foꝝ any merchants oꝝ peticular persons to come hetherwarde from the countries of Holland and Zeeland and other like, oꝝ to go thetherward, foꝝ to bzing in oꝝ carry out any maner of the aforesaid permitted

permitted wares and merchandises, or otherwise without hauinge
passeport and safe conduct for their persons or factors and dealers
with expressing the names and surnames of them. Which passe-
ports they may obtaine of vs, or of our aforesaid good nephew the
Duke of Parma &c. Or of him who thereunto on his behalfe shalbe
assigned, and of none other. Prohibiting all gouernours, generals,
chiefetaines, captaines, magistrates of towne, and other our offi-
cers, that they to the effect aforesaid doe not undertake to geue any
passeports or safeconductes vnto any whosoener, or to let any body
passe without our aforesaid leaue and passeport, as is aforesaid, vpon
paine of nullity and to be arbitrarily punished, aswell the person
which shall haue graunted forth the same, as hee who would haue
holpen himsele therewith. Euen as also wee doo straightly prohibite
them neither to trouble nor molest the aforesaid passengers, nor also to
demaund or receiue of them any thinge, either in respect of the per-
sons nor of the merchandises, vpon paine to bee severely punished.
Whereupon we do ordeine our Fiscall, and all other our Iustices
and Officers, to take and cause to be taken, good and carefull heed
to the end this disorder and abuse do not breake in further. Consid-
ring some haue presumed to do to the contrary, Prohibiting all Pas-
sers of Ships, which shall bring hether any merchandises from the
aforesaid countries of Holland Zealland and other rebels that they
do not take on boorde their ships any greater number of mariners
then they shall haue neede of, for the conducting of the said shippes.
And if any shall come ouer apparelled like marriners, and shall bee
conuicted of any deceit, or to haue done any thing against our service
and the common wealth, in such case, shall aswell the one as the o-
ther be punished to the example of others, and their shippes forfai-
ted to our vse. And to the end men may know what merchandises
are to pay the duties of Licence. We do declare that all that which
shall be growen in the Prouinces being in rebellion against vs or
other places holding with our contrary party, shall be subiect to pay
the said duties, whether the same come from the enemies country,
or whether it come by any other way or country of our obedience
euen as also all that which shall passe by water or by lande, through
the Iurisdictions and limits of the aforesaide countries and prouin-
ces (holding part with our enemies) shall be reputed and taken to
come from the enemy, or that which with ships of the enemy shall
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be byt byt better, though so it were that the same were done with
passeporte from vs, or of our aforesaid good stephew the Duke of
Barma et. And also all that which shall passe through the aforesaid
countries (taking part against vs) shall be reputed to goe to the en-
nemy.

And to the end all men may know what Marchandises are pro-
hibited and may not be carried out of our said countries, we doe de-
clare the same to be, all sorts of Armoz & munitions of warre, cozn,
and vittels, Well mettles, and mettles, Teasels, Hops, Barkes of
trees, Flax, thred of Flax, and of worsted, Tallow as of Waxe-
trees, Elm trees and Ash trees. And touching the marchandizes
which we will not to be brought hither, are these following, to wit:
All clothes, stammels, and generallie all commodities of wollen,
worsted and linnen, wrought and made in England, Holland, Zea-
land and like prouinces. And forsomuch as by our saide rebelles,
hinderance is doone in the repairing and maintaining of the banks
on this side: we will and declare, that as long as suche hinderance
shall continue, it shall not be lawfull for any, to carrie out of the pro-
uinces of our obedience, vnto our aforesaid rebels any sorts of wood
Bauin wood, Stones and other materials, seruing for the repay-
ring and maintaining of the banks on their side, euen as also it shall
not be lawfull for any one to bring or cause to be brought hither, a-
ny white or refined salt, vnto also bring with him like quan-
tities of bay salte. Which duties and licence (euen as they are or
shall be specified in the rowle thereupon made or to bee made) the
Collectors and Controulers shall not in any manner exceed, or re-
ceiue more, vpon paine to bee deposed from their offices, and to
pay the Quadrupte value to our vse, and to restore vnto the Mar-
chants or others, that which they vndulie shall haue receiued. It
shall be lawfull for the aforesaid officers, as often as they shall think
good, to cause the marchants, Mariners, and others, which shall
at any time conduct any Marchandizes, to beresie that which they
shall haue entred, vpon paine (in case of deniall) that they shall bee
reputed guiltie and culpable of that which shall be proposed against
them. And to the ende the said officers may the better and without
deceit and suspicion attend theyr callings, it shall not be lawfull for
them, to meddle with any marchandizes, or factorie, nor to haue
part or portion with any marchants, Farmers of our customes, or

others bſing trade, muchleſſe ſhall it be lawfull for them to keepe a
Tauerne and ſell wine or beere, vpon paine of looſing their offices,
and to be Arbitrarilie puniſhed. Prohibiting and deſending alſo maſ-
ters of ſhips, and carriers, in their ſhips waggons or other veſſels,
to lade or vnlade, any Marchandizes or wares, without hauing firſt
paid the dutie of the aforeſaid licences vnto the Collectors thereto
committed: who in this caſe, ſhall giue vnto euery Marchant a bill,
containing good and ample ſpecification of all the parcels of Mar-
chandizes, which they will lade or vnlade together, alſo the ſumme
payde for the ſame, and ſhall be ſubſcribed by the aforeſaid Collec-
tor and other officers therevnto ordained and ſealed, if any ſeale be
therevnto appointed. Which bill the ſaide Marchants ſhall be hol-
den to exhibite or ſhew vnto the Controulor, before it ſhall be law-
full to tranſport the ſaid marchandizes from any place or Port.
And the ſaid Controulor ſhalbe bonnd, therof to keepe good account,
to keepe the ſame bills in his poſſeſſion, and to keep counterroule of
the ſammes therein, according to theſe inſtructions. And if it ſhall
be found, that any fraud or abuſe be committed by the marchants,
Factors, Shipmaiſters, Carriers, or others, as in being departed,
without hauing paid the dutie of the aforeſaide Licence, or hauinge
entred one thing for another. We will that ſuch wares and Mar-
chandizes ſhall be by the officers of our aforeſaide Licences, ſeized
on, and conſiſcated according to the ſaide proclamation. And if the
ſame or the like were committed by the Shipmaiſters, or carriers,
vnto whom the marchandizes doo not appertaine. And that like-
wiſe the ſaid Shipmaiſters and Carriers, had pnt in practice to de-
part, ſaile away, or vnlade, and to ſeek any vnlawfull way with-
out hauing entred or aduiſed our aforeſaid officers of the Licences
thereof, and ſatiſfied them, according to the order heerebefore ſette
down: In ſuch caſe their Ships, Waggons, & horſe, ſhalbe conſiſ-
cated, whether the ſame do appertaine vnto them or no. And ſhall
there beſides forfeit the ſumme of one hundred pounds of xl. pence
Flemiſh the pounds. Prohibiting mozeouer, all and ſingular of
what qualitie they be, to wrong, iniurie, reuile, moleſt, or ſlander
in any manner of wiſe ſoener, any of the Committes, or officers of
the ſaid Licences, vpon like paine of one hundred pounds, for euery
time, and to be arbitrarilie puniſhed. Conſidering that all the ſame
officers

officers haue beene retained (even as we in effect doe retaine them by these presents, in so much as concerneth their offices and charges) vnder our protection and tuition. And therefore we doe charge and ordaine all gouernors, Captaines, Maiestrates and officers, to assist, protect, and defend them, against the said iniuries, troubles, molestations, and hinderances, which might be done vnto them.

And to the end none pretend ignorance of all the points and Articles aforesaid: we doe will and command you, that you presently and without delay, cause the same to be made knowne, proclaimed, and published, within our Towne of Antwerp, and limits of your iurisdiction, where neede shall require, and you shall finde to appertain. And for the keeping and obseruing thereof, do you procede and cause to be proceeded against the transgressors and disobedient, by the execution of the penalties, forfeitures, and fines aforesayde, without fauour, dissimulation, or delaie: for the doing whereof, we do giue you full power, authoritie, and speciall charge.

Willing and commanding, all and singular, that they vnto you in doing the same be diligent and obedient, For so it pleaseth vs.

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By the King in his Conneell.

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